

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks. Applicant hereby affirms the election of claims 1-14 and hereby withdraws claims 15-28. Claims 15-28 may be further pursued in a divisional patent application. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12, and 14 have been amended and claims 8 and 13 have been canceled. New claims 29-34 are presented. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12, 14, and 29-34 are pending.

Claims 1-9, 11, 12 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended are in proper condition according to §112.

Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Kitamura* (5,306,137). Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Rydman* (5,375,991). Claims 1-8, and 10-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Yonekubo* (5,456,588). Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Kaselow* (6,220,848). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections as none of the cited references disclose a pair of plates and an actuator therebetween as recited in the amended claims.

New claims 29-34 recite further features of the present invention, which are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references and are thus properly allowable.

Applicant believes that no additional fees or extensions of time are required, however, should additional fees or extensions be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C.

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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